

GUIDANCE FOR GIVING

Giving should be done joyfully, from the heart.

2 Corinthians 9:7 says, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." A chapter earlier, Paul said the Macedonians gave "from their abundance of joy" (8:2) and "of their own accord" (8:3). And Paul commends the Corinthians for not only giving, but desiring to do it (8:10). When we give in this way, we bring glory to God.

Not having enough money doesn't necessarily mean we shouldn't give.

The Bible teaches that, in general, we should give within our means (1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:12), but that doesn't mean giving beyond our means is prohibited. Paul said the Macedonians gave "out of their deep poverty" and "beyond their ability" (2 Cor. 8:2-3). They were very poor, but they gave any way to help other churches. It comes back to wanting God to be seen as preeminent and most valuable, and that is what we accomplish when we give beyond our means.

The more we give, the more we are spiritually blessed.

2 Corinthians 9:6 says, "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." Paul is using an agricultural illustration here. If the farmer only sows a small amount of seed, he'll only have a small harvest. If he sows a large amount, he'll have a

large harvest. In the same way, the more we give, the more spiritual blessings God bestows on us: joy, peace, wisdom, strength, confidence, understanding, hope, etc. As Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than receive" (Acts 20:35).

Giving is a privilege.

We have a tendency to think that a person or a ministry is privileged to have our financial contributions. It's actually the opposite. We are privileged with the opportunity to contribute. Any opportunity the Lord gives us to help his church and spread the gospel is a sheer act of mercy and grace on his part. It is for this reason the Macedonians "were begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints" (2 Cor. 8:4). They viewed this as undeserved honor to give, so they begged Paul to allow them to contribute, despite their poverty.

Think about how much Christ gave to you.

When motivating the Corinthians to give, Paul says, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9). We have been forgiven of our sins and adopted into God's family at great cost. Because of this, we are no longer enslaved to the fear of death, but have peace, knowing that we will forever be with the Lord. When we truly understand His extravagant grace, we cannot help but want to give. Our giving proves our love for Christ and one another (2 Cor. 8:8,24).



A TIME TO BUILD

**"THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING,
AND A SEASON FOR EVERY ACTIVITY UNDER THE HEAVENS"**

ECCLESIASTES 3:1

Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church
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There are many ways to give.

Many people with generous hearts and the capacity to give may want to contribute assets other than cash. Currently, our *A Time to Build* campaign can accept gifts in these forms:

- Cash
- Stocks
- Mutual Funds
- IRA Distributions

Our Vision

Our vision is to expand and renovate our church campus, so that we may continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. In doing so, this campaign will entail a \$7.5 million building project that expands our sanctuary, renovates our Family Life Center, and gives our church a Welcome Center.



If God has uniquely blessed you with other assets that you might want to give, please contact Jeffrey Graham at (803) 427-0811. It may be possible to accept offerings in the form of other appreciable assets, such as:

- Real Estate
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Business Interests



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No. of Gifts at Level	Gift Level	Total at Level	Cumulative Total
1	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
2	500,000	1,000,000	2,000,000
4	250,000	1,000,000	3,000,000
4	175,000	700,000	3,700,000
5	100,000	500,000	4,200,000
5	75,000	375,000	4,575,000

21 Commitments = \$4,575,000 or 61.0% of Goal

No. of Gifts at Level	Gift Level	Monthly	Total at Level	Cumulative Total
8	54,000	1,500	432,000	5,007,000
12	36,000	1,000	432,000	5,439,000
16	18,000	500	288,000	5,727,000
21	14,400	400	302,000	6,029,400
25	10,000	300	270,000	6,299,400

82 Commitments = \$1,724,400 or 23.0% of Goal

103 Commitments = \$6,299,400 or 84.0% of Goal

No. of Gifts at Level	Gift Level	Monthly	Total at Level	Cumulative Total
27	9,000	250	243,000	6,542,000
30	7,200	200	216,000	6,758,400
33	5,400	150	178,000	6,936,600
37	3,600	100	133,000	7,069,800
40	1,800	50	72,000	7,141,800
Remainder	1800 or less		358,200	7,500,000

167 Commitments = \$1,200,600 or 16% of Goal

270 Commitments = \$7,500,000 or 100.0% of Goal

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Throughout the history of Lyttleton Street UMC and its ministry, God has always blessed us with consistent growth. The people of our church have always responded to that growth by creating space for the new people God is bringing and the ministries to serve them.

